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SUBJ: ILO: REQUEST FOR U.S. CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF MARITIME
WORKERS BRANCH

1. DAVID BLANCHARD, A US CITIZEN WHO IS NOW CHIEF OF
MARPPIME WORKERS BRANCH, WILL RETIRE NEXT JUNE. ILO DDG
JOHN MC DONALD, HAS ASKED US TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED US
CANDIDATES TO REPLACE BLANCHARD, WHO IS A D-1. THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS PUT PRESSURE ON MC DONALD AND ON THE DG TO
PROMOTE THE SENIOR MAN UNDER BLANCHARD, AN ITALIAN NAMED
ARGIROFFO.

2. WE FEEL THAT BEYOND A KNOWLEDGE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND
THE LEADING PERSONALITIES INVOLVED, THE CRUCIAL QUALIFICATION
FOR THIS JOB IS POLITICAL SENSE, AND IN PARTICULAR, SENSITIVITY
TO US INTERESTS, BOTH IN THE MARTTIME FIELD AND IN THE UN
SYSTEM. IN THIS REGARD, WE AND USDEL TO THE MARITIME
CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER, WERE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED WITH
BLANCHARD'S PERFORMANCE. ARGIROFFO IS A PLODDING BUREAUCRAT
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WHO DOES NOT STRIKE US AS PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT HANDLING

OTHER THAN TECHNICAL MARITIME ISSUES. MOREOVER, HE
IS DUE TO RETIRE IN NOVEMBER OF 1979.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MC DONALD CAN PROBABLY DELAY ACTION
ON THE ASSIGNMENT UNTIL NEXT JANUARY AND WE WOULD LIKE
WASHINGTON TO NOMINATE ASAP A TOP-FLIGHT CANDIDATE FOR
THIS JOB.CATTO

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